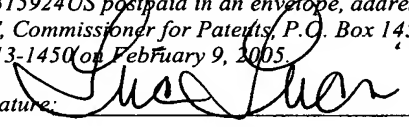


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application. No. : U.S. Filing of International Application PCT/DE2003/002619  
Applicants : Lutz  
Confirm. No. : Unassigned  
Filed : Herewith  
Title : LASER-ASSISTED REPLICATION METHOD  
TC/A.U. : N/A  
Examiner : N/A  
Docket No. : 1093-123 PCT/US  
Dated : February 9, 2005

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

*I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the  
United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EL  
722315924US postpaid in an envelope, addressed to: Mail Stop  
PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA  
22313-1450 on February 9, 2005.*

Signature: 

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The Applicant hereby amends the above-referenced application so that it is in proper form for examination.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.